

Spotlight

Japan has won the FWD QEII Cup four times thanks to Eishin Preston (2002 & 2003), Rulership (2012) and Neorealism (2017). This time around, Lys Gracieux and Deirdre will lead the Japanese assault, bringing their top-class ability back to Hong Kong to build on their fine efforts at the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races in December.

Four months ago, at Sha Tin, Deirdre placed second in the G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m), while Lys Gracieux was second to Exultant in the G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Vase (2400m). Deirdre was a solid fourth to superstar filly Almond Eye in the G1 Dubai Turf last time, while Lys Gracieux warmed up for her FWD QEII Cup test with a good second in the G2 Kinko Sho (2000m).

Japan will also send across Win Bright who is rolling off two good wins, latterly in the G2 Nakayama Kinen (1800m) which he also won in 2018.



EXULTANT (IRE)
HONG KONG
5g 120
A S Cruz



TIME WARP (GB)
HONG KONG
6g 120
A S Cruz



GLORIOUS FOREVER (GB)
HONG KONG
5g 119
F C Lor



WIN BRIGHT (JPN)
JAPAN
5h 117
Y Hatakeyama



PAKISTAN STAR (GER)
HONG KONG
6g 116
P O'Sullivan



SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS) HONG KONG
6g 116
C Fownes



EAGLE WAY (AUS)
HONG KONG
6g 115
J Moore



EMINENT (IRE)
GREAT BRITAIN
5h 114
Sir M Todd



FURORE (NZ)
HONG KONG
4g 112
F C Lor



DARK DREAM (AUS)
HONG KONG
4g 110
F C Lor



DINOZZO (IRE)
HONG KONG
6g 110
J Size



WAIKUKU (IRE)
HONG KONG
4g 110
J Size



LYS GRACIEUX (JPN)
JAPAN
5m 114
Y Yahagi



DEIRDRE (JPN)
JAPAN
5m 113
M Hashida